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Serial No. 10/635,962
Applicant: Larry E. Hieb
Filed: August 7, 2003
Invention: Retractable Gauge Step for Flexible Multi-Depth Vending

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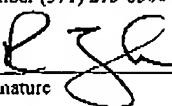
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 7, 2007

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed June 7, 2007, Applicant submits this response and respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including October 9, 2007. Applicant notes that October 7, 2007 was a Sunday, and Monday, October 8, 2007 was Columbus Day, a federal holiday in the District of Columbia. Applicant hereby authorizes and instructs the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account No. 02-0383 (matter 076543.0110) in the amount of \$120.00 for the fee associated with the extension of time and for any additional charges necessary for the filing of this response.

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